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**Montana College Preparatory Curriculum Program 2012 – 2013 Academic Year**  
Polson High School ----- Last Updated May 17, 2013

<p><b>English: Minimum Core – 4 years.</b> In each year the content of the course should have an emphasis upon the development of written and oral communication skills and literature. <b>English: Rigorous Core – 4 years.</b> Recommendation: a designated college-prep composition or research writing course.</p>	<p><b>Social Studies: Minimum Core – 3 years.</b> The courses shall include Global Studies (such as World History or World Geography); American History; and Government, Economics, Indian History or other third year courses. <b>Social Studies: Rigorous Core – 3 years.</b> As above, with recommendation: one half year or more of other courses such as psychology, humanities.</p>
<p><u><i>Yearlong English courses including Composition Speech, and Literature:</i></u> English 9, 10, 11, 12 AP English Literature and Composition AP English Language and Composition Advanced English 9 Advanced English 10</p> <p><i>Other English courses which must be combined in such a way that each year's combination includes Composition, Speech, and Literature:</i></p> <p><u>Composition:</u> Beginning Journalism Journalism Advanced Journalism Media</p> <p><u>Speech:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Literature:</u> N/A</p>	<p>Students must complete a full year of global studies such as World History or World Geography, a full year of American History, and an additional year in another social studies field such as economics, government, psychology, sociology, tribal government, or Indian Ed for All. (Per Joyce A. Scott, Deputy Commissioner Academic &amp; Student Affairs, April 2002.)</p> <p><u><i>Global Studies:</i></u> Global Issues World Geography World History</p> <p><u><i>American History:</i></u> U.S. History AP U.S. History</p> <p><u><i>Additional Social Studies Courses:</i></u> AP Government Government/Economics Psychology</p>

<p><b>Math: Minimum Core – 3 years.</b>  Courses shall include Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II (or the sequential content equivalent of these courses). Students are encouraged to take a math course in their senior year. NOTE: In school systems where a student may take Algebra I in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, the student still must complete 3 years of college preparatory math in High School. (Per Richard A. Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, 1995.)</p> <p><b>Math: Rigorous Core – 4 years.</b>  A course beyond Algebra II or beyond Integrated Math III (such as Trigonometry, PreCalculus, Calculus, Computer Math, Integrated Math IV).</p>	<p><b>Science: Minimum Core – 2 years.</b>  Two years of laboratory science: One year must be earth science, biology, chemistry or physics. The other can be one of the courses listed below or another approved college preparatory lab science.</p> <p><b>Science: Rigorous Core – 3 years.</b>  One full year of general earth science, biology, and chemistry or physics.</p>
<p><u><b>Satisfies Minimum Core:</b></u></p> <p>Algebra I  Advanced Algebra I  Algebra II  Advanced Algebra II  Geometry</p> <p><u><b>Satisfies Rigorous Core:</b></u></p> <p>Pre-Calculus  Statistics  AP Calculus</p>	<p><u><b>Lab Science Courses:</b></u></p> <p>Astronomy  Biology  Field Biology  Chemistry  Earth Science  Environmental Science  Forensic Science  Physiology  Physics  Sports Physiology  Zoology</p> <p><u><b>Additional Science Courses:</b></u></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Electives: Minimum Core – 2 years, chosen from the following.</b>  World Language (preferably 2 years); computer science, visual and performing arts, or vocational education units which meets the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) guidelines.</p> <p><b>Electives: Rigorous Core – 3 years, chosen from the following.</b>  Two years of second language, music, fine arts, speech and debate, career and technical education (such as information technology (IT) or computer science).</p>	
<p><u><b>Career, Vocational and Technical Education:</b></u></p> <p>Advanced Study – G&amp;T  Business Software  CAD Graphics I, II  Photo and Movie Editing  Multimedia Software Tools  Webpage Design  Milling and Modeling  Personal Finance  Introduction to Business  Business Law  Video Production  Computer Applications  Construction Technology I, II  Custom Production  Energy Technology: Power and Transportation  Independent Study</p>	<p><u><b>Music:</b></u></p> <p>Concert Band  Concert Choir  Mixed Choir  Percussion Class  Select Choir  Symphonic Band  Music Theory  Music Production and Recording</p> <p><u><b>Fine Arts and Speech &amp; Debate:</b></u></p> <p>Art Fundamentals  Drawing and Design  Advanced Drawing and Painting  Sculpture/Ceramics</p> <p><u><b>World Language:</b></u></p> <p>Spanish I, II, III, IV</p>